

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the existing claims with the following set of claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method for ~~inhibiting lipase~~
~~activity~~ decreasing mammalian absorption of fats by the
gastrointestinal tract said method comprising inhibiting lipase activity
in the mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally
administering to the mammal ~~an anti-lipase~~ avian antibody ~~antibodies~~
that ~~decreases~~ decrease activity of said lipase relative to a control,
wherein said control does not receive said avian ~~antibody~~ antibodies,
wherein said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats
thereby decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal
tract.

Claims 2-7, canceled.

Claim ~~8~~² (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein
prior to the step of administering to the mammal said avian antibody,
said avian antibody is produced in avian eggs.

Claims 9-13, canceled.

Claim 14³ (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the step of administering said avian antibody, said avian antibody is first freeze dried or spray dried.

Claims 15-17, canceled

Claim 18⁴ (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a powder form or in liquid form admixed in whole egg or yolk.

Claims 19-30, canceled

Claim 31⁵ (previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said avian antibody is fed in a liquid form.

Claims 32-46, canceled

Claim 47⁶ (currently amended) A method of ~~controlling~~ reducing weight gain in a mammal ~~mammals~~ by ~~limiting~~ decreasing mammalian absorption of fats in the gastrointestinal tract by inhibiting lipase activity in said mammal, said method comprising the step of: orally administering to said mammal a quantity an amount of antilipase avian antibodies effective ~~antibody to the mammals, wherein said quantity of antilipase antibody requires an increase of more than approximately 35% in food intake to increase weight of the mammals by 1 gram~~ to decrease activity of said lipase relative to control.

wherein said control does not receive said avian antibodies, wherein
said inhibiting decreases the breaking down of ingested fats thereby
decreasing the absorption of said fats by the gastrointestinal tract and
reducing weight gain in said mammal.

Claims 48-50, canceled.

Claim ~~51~~⁷. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~50~~⁶ ~~47~~ wherein
said step of orally administering comprises orally administering said
antilipase antibody in combination with the mammal's feed.

Claims 52-54, canceled.